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TAGS: OVIP, IS, EG
SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: PREPARATION IN HIGH GEAR

SUMMARY: AMONG THE FEW DETAILS ANNOUNCED THUS FAR: SADAT
WILL ADDRESS THE KNESSET IN ARABIC ON NOVEMBER 20 AND WILL
PAY A SECOND VISIT TO THE KNESSET ON NOVEMBER 21.
BEGIN AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (PRESUMABLY

PERES WHO IS EXPECTED BACK FROM A US VISIT) WILL ALSO SPEAK. SADAT AGREES TO VISIT YAD VASHEM. THE PRESS PRAISES SADAT'S COURAGE AND HARD-LINE YEDIOT AHARANOT BELIEVES THE VISIT IS MORE THAN A PROPAGANDA PLOY WHILE DAVAR SEES THE POSSIBILITY OF A DEAL WITHOUT SYRIA AND LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE ISRAEL-EGYPT DIALOGUE. OTHER COLUMNISTS ARE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC AS THEY REMIND THE PUBLIC OF GENERAL GUR'S WARNING. END SUMMARY.

1. THERE IS GENERAL PUBLIC EXHILARATION AS THE GOVERNMENT GOES ALL OUT TO COMPRESS THE COUNTLESS DETAILS OF PREPARING THE VISIT INTO SOME 48 HOURS. FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET (ADVANCED FROM THE ROUTINE SUNDAY MEETING) CABINET SECRETARY NAOR ANNOUNCED THAT BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION WILL ADDRESS THE KNESSET FOLLOWING SADAT'S SPEECH. SADAT WILL SPEAK IN ARABIC; THE ISRAELI LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK IN HEBREW AND THERE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION. BEGIN HAD SAID IF SADAT ADDRESSED THE KNESSET IN ENGLISH, SO WOULD HE). ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS THAT SADAT WILL ALSO VISIT THE KNESSET ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 IN ORDER TO CONFER WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES INDIVIDUALLY. HE IS TO PRAY AT AL-AQSA MOSQUE ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 20. LATER NAOR ANNOUNCED THAT SADAT HAS AGREED TO VISIT YAD VASHEM, ISRAEL'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST. (COMMENT: ISRAELIS WILL VIEW THIS AS A PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT GESTURE; IT CANNOT HELP BUT MOVE THEM.)

2. THE VISIT IS ON EVERYONE'S LIPS. SOME WORKERS' COUNCILS ARE CALLING FOR A NATIONAL HOLIDAY; ISRAEL'S BIGGEST FLAGMAKER IS WORKING OVERTIME TO TURN OUT EGYPTIAN FLAGS, THE TENNIS COURTS AT THE JERUSALEM HILTON WILL BE OPEN 24 HOURS FOR TENSION-WEARY NEWSMEN; MAARIV PRINTS ITS WELCOME HEADLINE IN ARABIC AND HEBREW; AND FAR-FLUNG ISRAELI LEADERS (GOLDA, RABIN, PERES, HAMMER, ET AL) ARE SCURRYING HOME.

3. THE PRESS, CONTINUING TO PRAISE SADAT'S COURAGE, WAS EVEN MORE OUTSPOKEN TODAY. THE JERUSALEM POST MINCES NO WORDS IN THE DECLARING THE RISKS SADAT IS TAKING ARE ENORMOUS AND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERESTIMATE THE REVOLUTIONARY IMPACT OF HIS MOVE IN TERMS OF TRADITIONAL ARAB POLITICS. ISRAELIS EXPRESS CONCERN FOR SADAT'S LIFE, FEARING LESS AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HERE THAN "ELSEWHERE."

4. YEDIOT AHARANOT EDITORIALIZES THAT THE VISIT IS NO PROPAGANDA DEVICE. IT POINTS TO THE OPPOSITION BEGINNING TO SWIRL AMONG THE OTHER ARAB STATES AND TO THE FAHMY RESIGNATION. "IF THIS WAS TO BE ONLY A MANEUVER ON SADAT'S PART TO DECEIVE US OR PUSH US AGAINST THE WALL SHOWING US UP AS 'PERMANENT REJECTIONISTS,' THE OTHER ARAB STATES WOULD NOT HAVE FAULTED THE VISIT....AND FAHMY WOULD HAVE GIVEN IT HIS BLESSING."

5. DAVAR'S BLOCH SAYS SADAT ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY, SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN AND THAT HE MAY BE READY TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WITHOUT SYRIA. HE BELIEVES THE TEST OF THE VISIT'S SUCCESS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNALED BY A SADAT INVITATION TO BEGIN OR IF A CONTINUATION OF THE ISRAEL-EGYPT DIALOGUE IS ARRANGED.

6. THE COLUMNISTS CONTINUE TO URGE CAUTION AND ATTEMPT TO RESTRAIN THE EUPHORIA. SEVERAL REFER TO CHIEF OF STAFF GUR'S INTERVIEW OF NOVEMBER 15. THE POST'S MILITARY COMMENTATOR BELIEVES HE MAY HAVE DONE THE NATION A SERVICE AND THAT DESPITE THE EMBARRASING TIMEING, THE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT BE ALTOGETHER DISPLEASED BY HIS WARNINGS--WHICH MAY EXPLAIN THE DECISION NOT TO FIRE HIM. (SEE TEL AVIV 9421).
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